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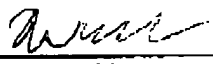
Claims 1-23 were pending in the application. Claims 1-20 were rejected. Claims 6, 8, and 9 were merely objected to and no claims were allowed. By the foregoing amendment, no claims are canceled, no claims are amended, and claims 24&25 are added. No new matter is presented.

New Claims

New claims 24 and 25 are supported, *inter alia*, by page 17, lines 23-30 and page 18, lines 17-19. Even assuming a suggestion for a combination of EBPVD and sputtering, there is no suggestion for the specific combination of the added claims.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-25 are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and further examination are requested. Please charge any fees or deficiency or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account of record.

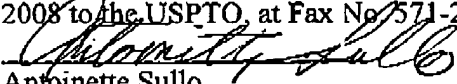
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